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<b>B.</b> A	CCOUNTANT IDENTIFICA	ATION	
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my	knowledge and belief the accompanying the HEED PARTNERS, LLC	financial statement ar	nd supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of	DECEMBER 31	, <sub>20</sub> 12	, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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## **HEED PARTNERS, LLC**

Financial Statements December 31, 2012



### **HEED PARTNERS, LLC**

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Heed Partners, LLC

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Heed Partners, LLC (a limited liability company) (the "Company") as of December 31, 2012, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that are filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Heed Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The information contained in pages 9 through 10 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information in pages 9 through 10 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information in pages 9 through 10 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Atlanta, Georgia

Staly, angete & thom. LLP

February 19, 2013

#### HEED PARTNERS, LLC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### ASSETS

Cash Accounts receivable Fixed assets, net Other assets	\$	69,282 1,701 4,635 937
Total Assets	<del></del>	76,555
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to member		3,682 105
Total Liabilities		3,787
MEMBERS' EQUITY		72,768
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$	76,555

#### HEED PARTNERS, LLC STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

REVENUES	
Investment banking	\$ 240,040
Other revenue	 4,977
Total revenues	 245,017
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
Compensation and benefits	264,582
Professional services	26,767
Occupancy and equipment	11,501
IT, data and communications	5,387
Licenses and registration	2,933
Other expenses	 1,919
Total expenses	 313,089
NET LOSS	\$ (68,072)

#### HEED PARTNERS, LLC STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

	 ontributed Capital	Α	ccumulated Deficit	Members' Equity
Balances, January 1, 2012	\$ 216,000	\$	(110,160) \$	105,840
Members' contributions Net loss	 35,000		(68,072)	35,000 (68,072)
Balances, December 31, 2012	\$ 251,000	\$	(178,232) \$	72,768

#### HEED PARTNERS, LLC STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net loss	\$ (68,072)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	1,134
Increase in accounts receivable	(1,701)
Decrease in other assets	174
Increase in accounts payable	2,554
Increase in due to member	 105
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	 (65,806)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchases of fixed assets	 (2,026)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Members' contributions	 35,000
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(32,832)
CASH	
Beginning of year	 102,114
End of year	\$ 69,282

# HEED PARTNERS, LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2012

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Description of Business: Heed Partners, LLC (Company) is a Georgia limited liability company established on April 1, 2011, and a registered broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the securities commissions of appropriate states. The Company received approval to operate as a licensed broker-dealer on January 11, 2012.

The Company's primary business is investment banking services and it operates under the provisions of paragraph (k)(2)(i) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and accordingly, is not required to maintain a reserve account for the exclusive benefit of customers. The Company operates from its office located in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Company does not maintain customer accounts.

<u>Accounting Policies:</u> The Company follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB), to ensure consistent reporting of financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

<u>Cash</u>: The Company maintains its bank accounts in high credit quality institutions. Deposits at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company believes it is not exposed to any significant risks on cash.

<u>Accounts Receivable:</u> Accounts receivable represents expenses to be reimbursed by Registered Representatives of the Company. No allowance for doubtful accounts was considered necessary as of December 31, 2012.

<u>Fixed Assets:</u> Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided by use of straight-line methods over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets of five years.

Revenue Recognition: Investment banking revenues include fees earned from providing merger and acquisition and other advisory services to clients. Revenue is recognized when earned, which generally occurs as services are performed, or upon consummation of a transaction.

<u>Income Taxes:</u> The Company has elected to be taxed as a partnership under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and, accordingly, is not subject to federal and state income taxes. Instead, Members are liable for federal and state income taxes on their respective share of the taxable income of the Company. Accordingly, no provision for federal and state income taxes has been provided for in the accompanying financial statements.

The Company has adopted the provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification 740-10, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. Under ASC 740-10, the Company is required to evaluate each of its tax positions to determine if they are more likely than not to be sustained if the taxing authority examines the respective position. A tax position includes an entity's status, including its status as a pass-through entity, and the decision not to file a tax return. The Company has evaluated each of its tax positions and has determined that no provision or liability for income taxes is necessary.

<u>Fair Value of Financial Instruments:</u> The Company's financial instruments, including cash, accounts receivable, other assets, accounts payable and due to member are carried at cost, which approximates their fair value because of the short term nature of these assets and liabilities.

## HEED PARTNERS, LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2012

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Estimates</u>: Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

<u>Date of Management's Review:</u> Subsequent events were evaluated through February 19, 2013 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The Company is not aware of any significant events that occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date but prior to the filing of this report that would have a material impact on the financial statements.

#### **NOTE 2 - RELATED PARTIES**

The Company has entered into an expense sharing agreement with White Crow, LLC, an entity owned by the majority member of the Company, to whom it pays certain general and administrative expenses. The Company's share of expenses is calculated based on estimated usage. Allocated expenses amounted to \$60,437 for the year ended December 31, 2012, of which \$105 was outstanding at December 31, 2012.

#### **NOTE 3 - FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets as of December 31, 2012 consist of:

Computer equipment	\$ 2,026
Furniture and fixtures	4,319
	6,345
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,710)
Fixed assets, net	\$ 4,635

Depreciation expense was \$1,134 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

#### **NOTE 4 - NET CAPITAL**

The Company, as a registered broker-dealer is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 8 to 1 for the first 12 months after commencing business as a broker-dealer and 15 to 1 thereafter. At December 31, 2012, the Company had net capital of \$65,495, which was \$60,495 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000 and the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .0578 to 1.

#### **NOTE 5 - CONCENTRATIONS**

Two customers accounted for all of the Company's Investment Banking revenue for the year ended December 31, 2012.

#### HEED PARTNERS, LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2012

#### **NOTE 6 - CONTINGENCIES**

The Company is subject to litigation in the normal course of business. The Company has no litigation in progress at December 31, 2012.

#### **HEED PARTNERS, LLC**

# SCHEDULE I COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ACT OF 1934 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### **NET CAPITAL:**

Total members' equity	_\$	72,768
Less nonallowable assets:		
Accounts receivable		1,701
Office fumiture and equipment		4,635
Other assets		937
		7,273
Net capital before haircuts		65,495
Less haircuts		-
Net capital		65,495
Minimum net capital required		5,000
Excess net capital	\$	60,495
Aggregate indebtedness	_\$	3,787
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		5.78%

RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL INCLUDED IN PART IIA OF FORM X-17A-5 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

There was no significant difference between net capital in the FOCUS Part IIA form and the computation above.

#### **HEED PARTNERS, LLC**

# SCHEDULE II COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(i) of the rule.

# SCHEDULE III INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(i) of the rule.



### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5(g)(1) FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM SEC RULE 15c3-3

To the Members of Heed Partners, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Heed Partners, LLC (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
- Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8
  of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
  System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's previously mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5(g)(1) FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM SEC RULE 15c3-3

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined previously.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2012, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members, management, the SEC, FINRA, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Atlanta, Georgia

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February 19, 2013